WHAT CAN YOU DO?

ets and other animals (ducks, geese) in an urban environment can pollute our water when waste washes off yards, sidewalks, and streets during storms. Domestic farm

animal and pet waste can enter our streams from pastures, manure piles, and yards.

☐ Clean up after your pet. Pet waste left on sidewalks, streets or yards contain numerous pollutants such as nutrients



and bacteria. Discard your pet's waste by flushing it down the toilet or bagging it and throwing it in the trash.

- Wash your pet either in the house or on the lawn. Bathwater shouldn't enter the storm drain.
- ☐ Consider using non-toxic alternatives to flea and tick powder.
- Cover manure piles with a structure or plastic tarp to reduce runoff. Build a small ridge of vegetated soil around manure pile to prevent nutrient-rich manure drainage from reaching storm water paths.
- Compost stall bedding and manure. For information on composting, call the WSU Master Composter/Recyclers at 254-8436.

- Don't feed ducks or geese near a calm body of water. It is not healthy for the birds, and their droppings contribute bacteria and nutrients to the pond or stream.
- Consider planting grass in or around pens and kennel areas to act as a filter for runoff.
- Sweep and clean animal keeping areas weekly to collect and dispose of droppings, uneaten food, and other stray particles. Never hose down the area to a storm drain.